

Air Quality Notice of Construction (NOC) Permit



Application Phase

Review and Decision Phase

Appeal Phase

Applicant

Washington Department of Ecology
(Ecology)

Public or Other Interested Party

Start

Applicant reviews activities requiring NOC permitting (triggering mechanisms) and determines regulatory jurisdiction

A

Not Below thresholds

Below thresholds

B

If emissions are below exemption thresholds then file project summary with Ecology for review

Applicant can request pre-application consultation with Ecology to review application needs

Applicant prepares Notice of Construction (NOC) application and submits to Ecology Regional Office

C

No Permit Required
Exempt from Notice of Construction permitting

not required

not required

Ecology reviews project summary. Ecology may require NOC.

30 Days

required

Ecology reviews application for completeness

Incomplete

Complete

Ecology issues Notice of Incompleteness

30 Days

T1

Ecology issues Notice of Completeness

30 Days

T1

Ecology issues proposed decision

60 Days

T2

Applicant publishes public notice.

Applicant submits written comments regarding proposed decision

Ecology reviews public comments and determines whether a public hearing is needed.

Public submits written comments regarding proposed decision

30 Days

Hearings Not Held

Hearings To Be Held

Applicant testimony

Ecology conducts public hearings

30 Days

Public testimony

Ecology issues final determination

Approve

Deny

Ecology issues NOC permit

Applicant can appeal final determination to Washington Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB)

D

Public can appeal final determination to Washington Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB)

D

Goal is to issue final determination within 60 days after the public comment period is closed

T3